



Barlaston C.E (VC) First School

“Let Your Light Shine”

Admissions Policy

Our Ethos

Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

Our Vision Statement

Let your light shine through family, friendship and faith

Our Spirituality Vision

Spirituality is an ever changing journey through life, connecting each individual with something bigger than themselves

Equality Statement

The school is committed to providing the full range of opportunities for all pupils, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, social, cultural or religious background. All pupils have access to the curriculum, and the right to a learning environment, which dispels ignorance, prejudice or stereotyping.

Dyslexia Statement

To ensure that children on the dyslexic spectrum have equal opportunities and that their diverse strengths are celebrated and built on.

Safeguarding Statement

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

Nursery Admission

Children can join the nursery any time after their third birthday (parents will need to privately fund this).

There are three formal intakes throughout the year, September, January and April.

All three years old are entitled to funding for 15 universal hours from the term after their third birthday. Working parents may be entitled to an additional 15 hours (extended funding). Please see link to apply for funding on the nursery page, on our website.

Parents need to apply directly to the nursery/ school for a place for their child.

Reception Admission

Please see link on our website to apply for a place for your child in reception.

The vast majority of our reception class children join us directly from our Dormice School Nursery. Children join the reception class in the September of the year they reach five. Allocations are made by the Local Authority in line with their admissions policy. Each school has a PAN (planned admission number) that states how many can be admitted into the reception class each year. The PAN number for our school is thirty. However, parents may appeal should they not be given a place, or the school has reached its full PAN number. The county contact the school and discussions take place regarding the school capacity to support extra children as they move through the school. The decision then lies with the county as to whether the appeal is granted or denied.

Key Stage One Classes

The government stipulates that no key stage one class should contain more than thirty pupils. Currently, due to our numbers, we have a mixed year one and year two class, rather than a separate class per year.

Key Stage Two Classes

There is no limit to the number of pupils in a key stage two class. Though should they be considered too big, determined by each cohort. The school would look to reorganise its class structure accordingly.

In Year Admissions

Should children be moving to Barlaston School during the school year, parents are advised to contact the school for an appointment with the head teacher, where guidance will be given regarding completing the Staffordshire County Council admissions information.

Should the child/ children be in year 1 or year 2, and the class already have thirty pupils. Then we are unable to accommodate any new children until places are available.

Induction to School for New Reception Children

Due to the nursery and reception class working together closely as an Early Years Department, transition happens incidentally over the year, and children make the seamless transition naturally.

However, a formal transition still takes place for the entire new cohort at the end of the summer term for children from all nurseries before their time in reception starts.

Visits to School

Prospective parents are welcome to visit the school at any time. There is no official open day in operation at the moment, as the head teacher prefers the chance to meet new parents individually and give them a personal tour. Please telephone the school office should you wish to book an appointment.

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